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FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING FIRST-PRINCIPLES SIMULATION  
TO CONTROL A SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PROCESS

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Chinese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. The reference(s) cited therein have been previously filed on December 22, 2005.

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